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JANUARY, 1907.

No. 1.

A Successful Year at Worcester College.

FROM the Report of the Worcester College for the Higher Education of the Blind, for the year ending July 31st, 1906, we learn that about 120 pupils have passed through the College up to the present, and of these the number who have graduated at one or other of the Universities reaches the marvellous total of 55; among the distinctions are: one Fellowship; 12 open Scholarships or Exhibitions; 30 Honour Degrees in Classics, Mathematics, History, or Law; one D.D.; one D.C.L.; one Mus. Bac., a proportion of Distinctions far exceeding that of similar schools for the sighted. 30 are in Holy Orders, half as Incumbents, and many others are occupied in the Musical, Legal, and Scholastic professions.

The College is examined by the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board, the Inspector's Report this year being extremely satisfactory.

The fees range from £50 for very young boys, up to £100, according to the student's age and circumstances. Several scholarships are available, and the Committee of Gardner's Trust have for many years very generously assisted various students at the College.

By an arrangement with this Association, the Headmaster is stereotyping a series of class books suitable for the purposes of higher education, which will not only supply a great need of the Worcester institution, but copies will be obtainable for similar purposes elsewhere. At the time of writing four are published, while a fifth is stereotyped, and will be ready this month.

It is interesting to note that both the Hon. Secretary of the College, A. W. G. Ranger, Esq., M.A., D.C.L., and the Headmaster, the Rev. T. Barnard, M.A., are former pupils at the College.

The Annual Speech Day, discontinued for some time, was revived on July 26th, 1906, and proved a most successful reunion, very many "Old Boys" being present. A full day's programme included: Service in the Lady Chapel at the Cathedral; a cricket match, Past & Present; the inevitable Speeches; Greek and Latin Recitations by students; prize distribution by Lady Cobham. etc., closing with an impromptu Concert by Old Boys and the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

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VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION OF BRAILLE WRITERS.

The Twelfth Annual Report of the above shows that during the year 77 persons have been and are being taught Braille, with a view to transcribing books for the Library, which now contains 2,888 volumes, 211 having been added during the year. There are now 190 working members. Besides the main establishment in Melbourne there are branches at Beechworth and Ballarat. A movement has been started for paying the Blind for re-copying books for the Library, thus helping to provide for their support, and it is hoped to extend the operations in this direction as funds allow.

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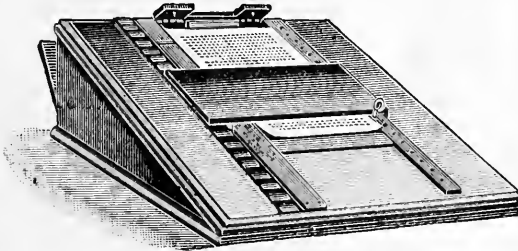


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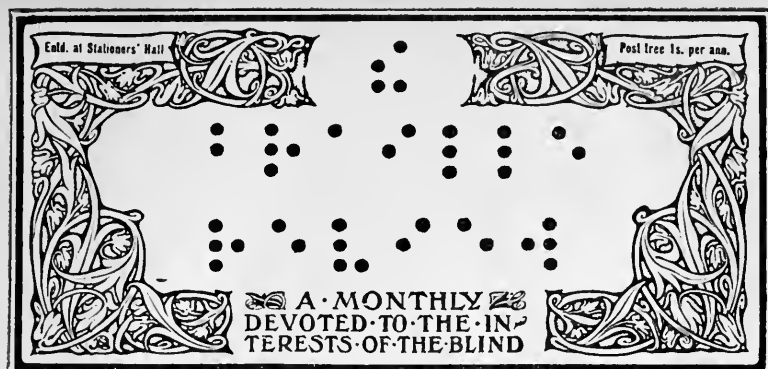
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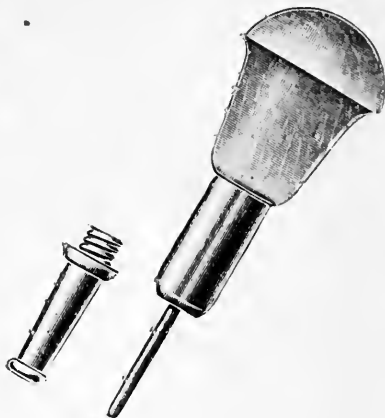
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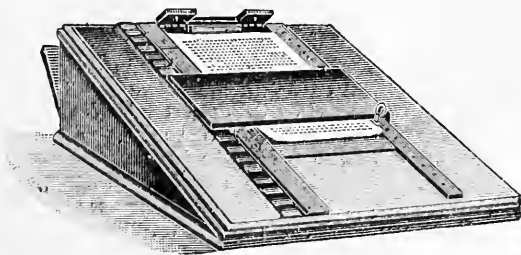


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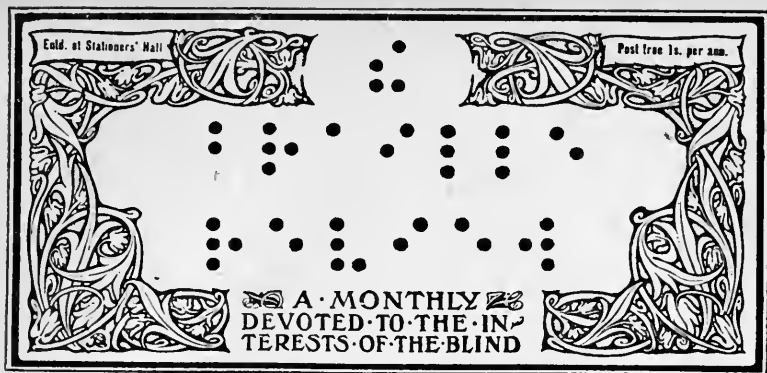
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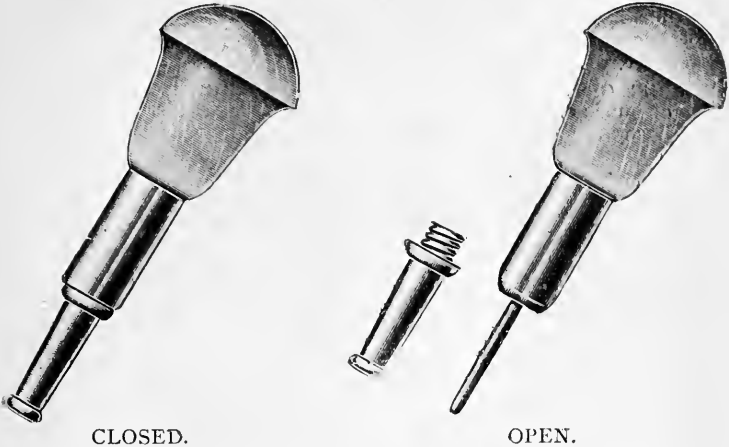
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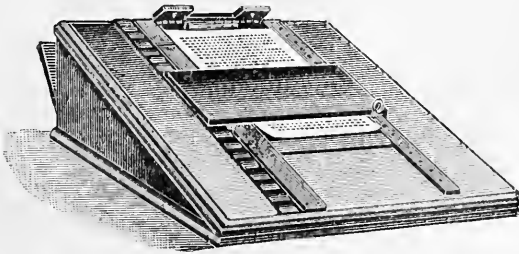
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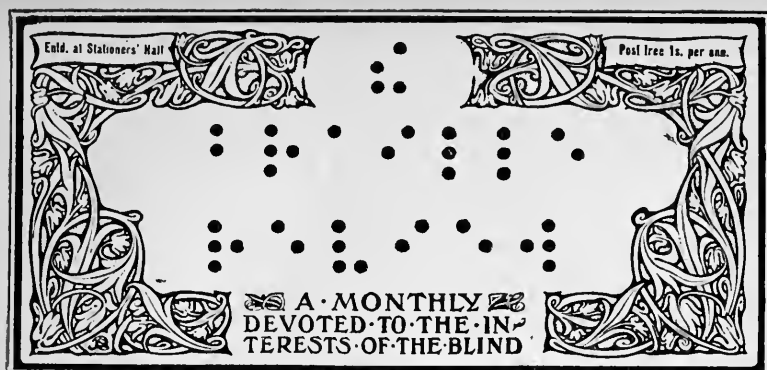
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No. 4.

Death of a Founder of the Incorporated National Lending Library for the Blind.

IT is with much regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Dow, widow of Mr. James Ramsey Dow. To the relatives of the deceased lady we offer our sincere sympathy.

This lady, in co-operation with the late Miss Arnold, founded the Incorporated National Lending Library for the Blind, 125, Queen's Road, Bayswater, W., in 1882. From a very small beginning, with the help of a grant of £25 from the Gardner Trust for the Blind, and some Annual Subscriptions collected by Mrs. Dow (then Miss Howden), the good work grew, until in 1898, the year of its incorporation, the number of books was about 3,500, regularly supplying 250 readers.

Now the Library contains nearly 8,000 vols., and over 500 are added yearly; they include history, biography, poetry, fiction, children's books, and a few foreign works; there are also some 400 volumes of embossed music. The number of readers is over 500, and many Associations and Free Libraries are also supplied.

The great majority of the books are in the Braille type, which can be both read and written, and a few blind copyists are employed by the Blind Writers' Fund, established by Mrs. Dow, which serves the double purpose of giving employment to the Blind and adding volumes to the Library, in the shape of additional copies of works which are in especial demand.

The Library owes its present position very largely to the sustained interest of the deceased, and she will be greatly missed in the Blind world generally, where she was for so many years a friend and benefactor.

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Review of a New Book.

IN Messrs. Kegan Paul's new series, the International Catholic Library, will shortly appear a work from the pen of Maurice de la Sizeranne, whose name, being itself unknown to English readers, may perhaps run the risk of being confused with that of his brother Robert, author of a very important work on Ruskin, "*La Religion de la Beauté*." A pathetic gap divides the brothers: Maurice is blind. Spending, as he does, his life in the service of his brothers and sisters in darkness, he has found time and energy, besides daily and hourly attendance at a philanthropic institution for the welfare of the Blind, to write several books, one of which boasts a preface by the poet François Coppeé, and another was crowned by the French Academy. In the present volume the author calls to us, out of the darkness, which for him is peopled with all the beautiful thoughts of those he is helping, to rejoice at the many consolations which such of the afflicted as have not lost faith as well as sight can still receive. He opens with copious quotations from the finest pages of French literature, woven together in a tender and pathetic style. His devotion to Nature is intense, and as he paints a picture he will never see again we feel that the kind Earth-Mother has consoled him. He is, to use his own beautiful phrase, "the dreamer of the open ear," and he vibrates with so much of the passionate gratitude of those to whom sun is only warmth and not light that we almost envy such high-handed resignation. The book takes us through the history (from its foundation to the present day, when it is spared among the vicissitudes of French conventual life on the plea of being "a hospital and not a school") of the only religious community in the world which receives blind women as nuns, for whom special constitutions and rules have been drawn up. We have many chapters of practical instruction on all the arts and crafts which the blind can study, and Monsieur de la Sizeranne claims that the Community of Blind Sisters of St. Paul have produced results never before equalled or attempted.



Notes by the Way.

A SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINER.

On Thursday, January 31st, 1907, a public lecture was given in the school-room, Churchdown, by Dr. T. Dickson, on "Anecdotes and How to Anecdote." The lecture was a great success, being well attended, and a good surplus was handed over to the Vicar for the Church Fund. Dr. Dickson is open for engagement for Concerts or any Social Entertainments.—Address, The Birches, Churchdown, Cheltenham.

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The managers report that the year 1906 closed with the various departments in a very satisfactory condition, having accomplished much good during the year. Plans have been approved for providing accommodation for 130 pupils, and a scheme for providing a Holiday Home only awaits the necessary financial support. 288 persons received benefit in the shape of board, clothing, education, or employment, the amount spent on wages amounting to £7,072 17s. 10d.

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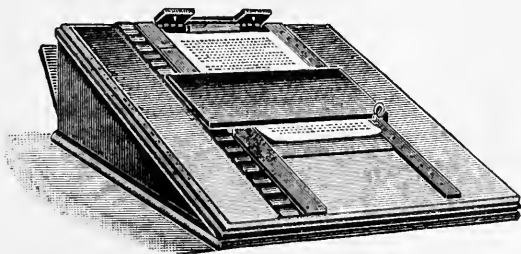


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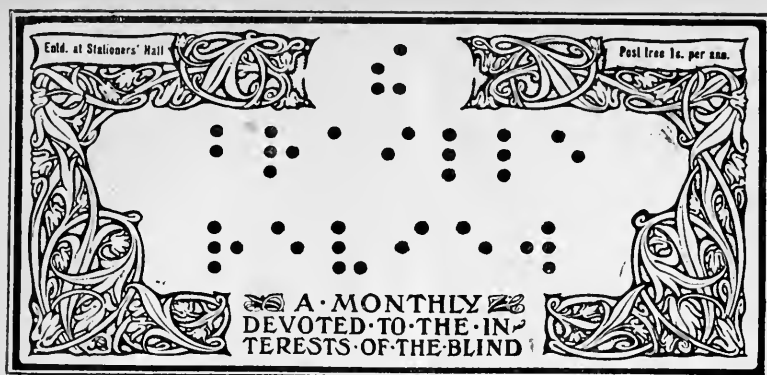
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VOL. V.

MAY, 1907.

No. 5.

North of England Union of Institutions, Societies, and Agencies for the Blind.

THE Committee invite attention to the following particulars concerning the objects and constitution of this Union. Each of the six northern counties forming the area of our operations is represented on the committee, and we hope that the Lord Lieutenant of each County and Riding will, after the example of the Earl of Derby, accept the office of Vice-President.

The greater care of eyesight and of infant life during the last 25 years has reduced the numbers of the Blind from one in 1,000 to one in 1,250 of the population. It is the aim of this Union to induce some at least of the 1,249 to care for the one, so that he or she may make his or her way through life on terms as equal as possible with those of his or her neighbours.

On the above calculation there are probably in Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmoreland, Lancashire, and Yorkshire 8,215 blind persons, divided as below, and of these it is probable that at least one-half would not have been blind if in their infant days their sight had been duly regarded by their eyes being kept clean.

Cumberland	...	267,000	...	213
Durham	...	1,200,000	...	960
Lancashire	4,500,000	...	3,600
Northumberland	...	603,000	...	480
Westmoreland	...	65,000	...	52
Yorkshire—				
East Riding	...	460,000	...	368
North Riding	...	376,000	...	300
West Riding	...	2,800,000	...	2,240
Totals	...	10,271,000	...	8,215

The various Societies and Institutions in the Northern Counties are represented in the Union, but much ground is still uncovered by any active agency. The following objects lie before us :—The after-care of pupils leaving Institutions ; employment for men and women : the care of the sick, aged and helpless ; the visitation of the Blind in Workhouses and in their own homes. These objects, and the best means of attaining them, our Organising Secretary will be glad to explain to all who are interested in the welfare of the Blind.

It will be seen from the above remarks that the Union does not touch any of the work so ably carried on in every one of the existing Institutions, and that where any Blind Visiting Society is already at work we desire only to strengthen their hands and increase their income.

Mr. F. J. Munby, York, is the Chairman ; Miss I. M. Heywood, Manchester, is the Hon. Sec. ; and Miss E. Wright, 91, Northgate, Wakefield, is Organising Sec., to whom all letters should be addressed.



Notes by the Way.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION AT WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

At the Exhibition of Needlework, Weaving, Carpentry, Brush, Mat, Basket, and Shoemaking, open to the Blind only, which was held in the Victoria Hall in March, Mr. Charles Smith, the Blind Carpenter employed by the British and Foreign Blind Association, was awarded Second Prize. Exhibits from all parts of the world were shown, and were quite a revelation to the large number of visitors. All kinds of Braille apparatus, lent by the B. & F.B.A., were also on view. An interesting feature of the Exhibition was the Blind trades in operation, and two Concerts given by a Blind Choir from Bristol were a great attraction. The Exhibition was promoted and carried out by Miss Smith, of Weston-super-Mare, who takes a great interest in all matters affecting the welfare of the Blind.

BRADFORD BLIND INSTITUTION.

At the Exhibition referred to above the first, second, and third prizes for knitting have all been awarded to workers at the Bradford Institution for the Blind. Miss M. E. Phillips has secured the first prize of £3 for a Shetland and Persian wool shawl, similar in design to the one presented to the Princess of Wales at the Bradford Exhibition. Miss Ann Atack gained the second prize of £2 for an antimacassar of fine work and beautiful design. The third prize of £1 10s. was divided between Miss H. Firth for a Shetland shawl, Miss M. A. Oldfield for a baby doll, and Miss E. Wood for a kilted petticoat.

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A very successful festival was held at the Hotel Metropole on April 22nd, on behalf of the above. The Rt. Hon. Lord Alverstone, P.C., G.C.M.G., Lord Chief Justice of England, presided, and made a sympathetic appeal to the guests for their support, with the result that a sum of over £1,200 was realised. Special thanks are due to Mr. T. H. Martin, the Secretary, for his organisation of a function which all the guests are satisfied was carried out to perfection.

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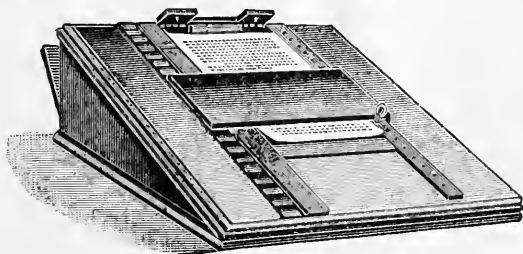


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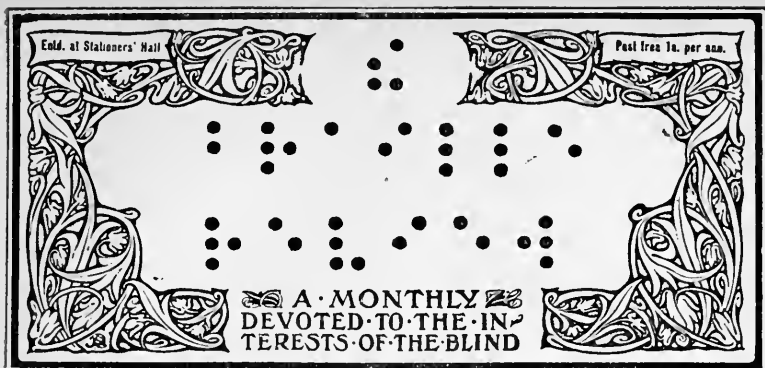
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In 1900 the numbers rose from 18 to 59, and at the end of that year the idea of forming a Club was carried out, fitting introductions to be made through the President; a notice in the *Braille Summary* to this effect brought cordial replies, and the members increased that year to 120.

In 1902 the existence of the Club became known on the Continent through a notice in *Progress*, and applications for Correspondents were received from Germany, Austria, France, and Switzerland. The contractions, accents, etc., of each language made Braille a fresh study in each, and it was soon found impossible to work a foreign country satisfactorily from England.

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In Spain there are already 26 members, and the Secretary, Senor Asqueta, of Bilbao, says that progress, though slow, is sure, and the idea is quite understood and cordially approved.

Herr Grienberger, of Ling, in Austria, says that the Austrian Blind

do not respond well, the fact that there is no money to be made out of the Club deterring members.

Canadian and American members (owing to the great efforts of Mr. Forrester (of Halifax) number over 200, though this last year of 1906 has seen less progress for the Club in the States, owing probably to the fact that a great movement for the Blind is taking place in that country, and so much is being accomplished by free postage of all Braille matter, etc., that extraneous Correspondence is less needed than heretofore.

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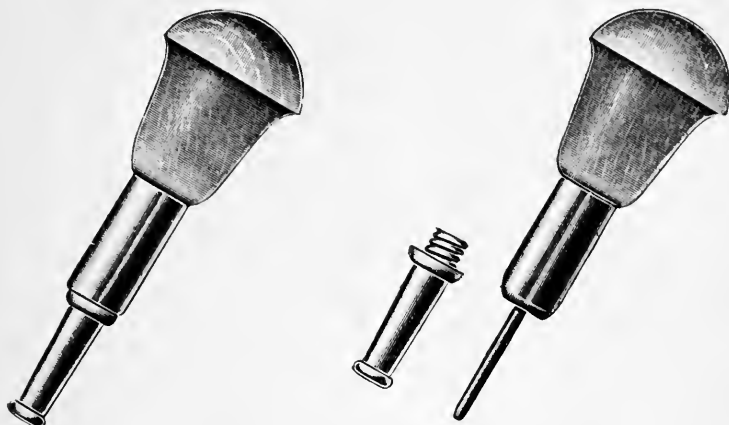
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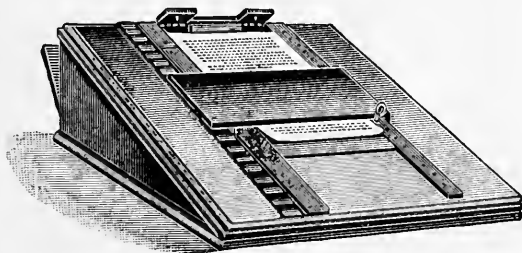
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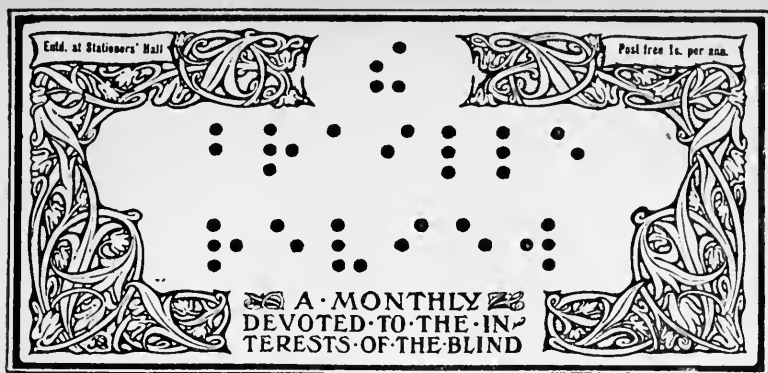
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No. 7.

Braille System for Algebra. ✓

THE Association is at present engaged in publishing a work on Elementary Algebra, written by the popular writer of Mathematical text-books, Mr. Charles Smith, Master of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

The system of Mathematical notation adopted in this work has received a certain measure of approval, and in the absence of any adverse criticism the same system would in all probability be used in any other books of a Scientific character which the Association might undertake to publish in Braille type.

The Braille edition of this Elementary Algebra will consist of five volumes, three of which are already published. In the third volume a full account of the Mathematical notation and of the special contractions and abbreviations used in the whole work is given. It would be a great kindness to the Blind if any persons interested in the publication of Mathematical and Scientific books in Braille type would forward any criticisms they may have to make on this work to the Secretary of the B. & F. B. A. at as early a date as possible, so as not to delay the publication of other Scientific works in Braille.



International Congress on School Hygiene.

AT the Second International Congress on School Hygiene, to be held in London from August 5th to 10th, 1907, the following subjects are down for discussion, papers to be read by the gentlemen named in each case: "The Present Necessity for Attention to the General and Special Hygiene of the Blind," Rev. St. Clare Hill, M.A.; "The Definition of Blindness in Children—Its Causes and Prevention from a Medical Point of View," Adolph Bronner, Esq., M.D.; "The Mental Characteristics associated with Blindness of Varying Causation, and their Relation to Training," N. Bishop Harman, Esq., F.R.C.S.; "Feeble-minded Blind," H. J. Wilson, Esq. All information respecting this Section may be obtained from the Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. B. P. Jones and William Van Praagh, at their offices, 11, Fitzroy Square, London, W.

Annual Reports, etc., of Blind Institutions.

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THE past year has been marked by a very notable event in the history of this Charity, the Foundation Stone of the New Institute being laid on May 24th, 1906, by His Grace the Duke of Argyll. Founded by the late Mr. James Hampton some thirty-six years ago, the work had altogether outgrown its accommodation, hence it was decided to provide a special and permanent building. This is now within sight of completion, but funds are still needed to meet the cost, and to equip the new premises.

A successful year is recorded in the Report, and without doubt the Committee will be in a much better position to deal with the various calls upon their sympathy and assistance, ranging from the placing of a child in a school or institution to the visiting and providing medical attention for the aged blind poor in their own homes.

We wish them every success in their efforts to brighten the lives and meet the needs of the Blind community of South London.

BRADFORD INCORPORATED INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

From the forty-sixth Annual Report we gather that considerable advance was made during 1906, in the Trade Department the number employed having increased from 86 to 98, the Sales from £11,835 to £12,165, and the Wages, etc., paid to Blind from £2,044 to £2,377.

A Men's Training Home was established during the year under a scheme by which the Bradford Board of Guardians meet the deficiency between cost of maintenance and sale of goods produced.

The Choir of the Institution gave several musical services, clearing some £35 for the benefit of the Institution.

The Bradford Daily Telegraph Holiday Fund is administered by the Committee, and 98 persons benefited during the year. In this connection a Seaside Holiday School was held at Morecambe, the children from one of the Schools for the Blind being transferred, with the necessary appliances, for a fortnight. This experiment proved a great success.



Notes by the Way.

BLIND SINGER GAINS GOLD MEDAL.

At a musical Festival recently held at the Alexandra Palace, Mr. Ernest Littlewood, of New Southgate, gained the First Prize and Gold Medal for singing. There were twenty other competitors in the bass section, the two pieces being: "Twice Ten Hundred Deities" (Purcell) and "The Little Red Fox," an old Irish air. Mr. Plunkett Greene, the adjudicator, said that Mr. Littlewood's rendering of the difficult Purcell piece was "a very remarkable piece of work," and showed "a tremendous sense of really good style," while the humorous touches in the Irish air came in for mention. Our congratulations to Mr. Littlewood.

BLIND ORGAN COMPOSER WINS HAMBOURG PRIZE.

Mr. Wm. Wolstenholme, who has won the first of the two prizes awarded in connection with the Hambourg competition, is best known as an organ composer, though he has written much for piano and strings. He is the son of a Blackburn architect, and has been blind from birth. He was educated at Worcester, where one of his musical tutors was Edward Elgar, who afterwards showed his affection for his pupil by acting as his amanuensis when he took his Mus. Bac. at Oxford. I believe he took his degree at an earlier age than anyone previously. Mr. Wolstenholme, who came to London as organist at King's Weigh House, is now at the church in Norfolk Street. He is known throughout the country by his organ recitals.

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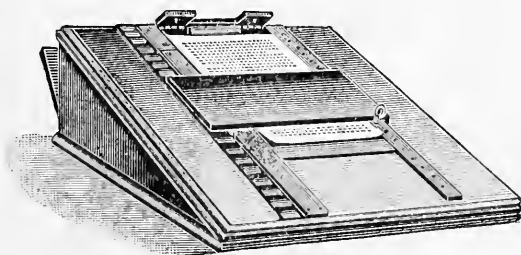


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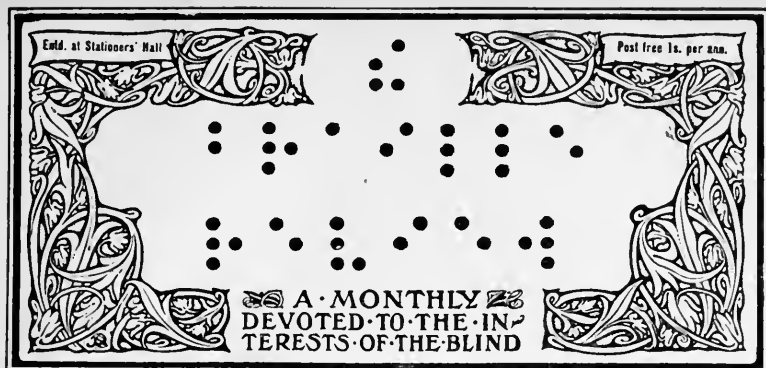
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The Report for 1906. ✓

FROM the Report of the Association which is now published it will be seen that every section has been kept very busy during the year, overtime work in the embossing and binding sections having been necessary on many occasions. The pressure of orders for works already catalogued has prevented the publication of several new works which have been stereotyped, but a fourth embossing press has been installed, and it is hoped to overtake the arrears in this direction during 1907. The work consequent upon the sanction of the Revised Rules for Braille, Grades I. and II., in August last, has also been very considerable, and from the New Publications List on page 4 of this Magazine it will be seen that we are losing no time in supplying School Books in Grade II.

The placing on the market of the first fifty copies of the cheap edition of the Gospel according to St. John, within a fortnight from the date when ordered by the Council, will serve to convey some idea of the present capabilities of the establishment. 300 copies in addition have since been sold, and the Gospel of St. Matthew has also recently been published, with the Gospel of St. Mark in preparation. The Gospel of St. John was issued at a price much below our usual "under cost" scale, but the appreciation shown by the large number of orders will, without doubt, commend the concession to the supporters of the Association.

Altogether 28 new volumes were published during the year. Including orders, magazines, etc., the number of plates stereotyped was close upon 5,000, a considerable increase on last year's number.

The Music and MSS. sections have again been kept fully occupied, although the increased charge for music transcription has tended to curtail the orders during the year. But even at the increased rate a considerable loss was incurred. However, in view of the undoubted usefulness of this branch of the work it is not proposed to limit it further, but to execute all orders sent, as quickly as possible. Some 60 orders were executed, making over 500 sheets. About 125 other MSS. orders were dealt with, including German, Latin, Greek, and Italian transcriptions.

Some 250 volumes were copied by outside Blind Writers, who make a very appreciable addition to their income by engaging in this useful work.

In addition to the greatly increased production above mentioned, the number of magazines, Christmas and other Letters, etc., embossed, shows an increase on the previous year.

The result of the year's working amply justifies the establishment of the Bookbinding Department, since in addition to the folding, stitching, binding, etc., of our own books published, nearly 800 volumes of MSS. were shellaced and bound, this number being about 300 more than that of last year. This Department has outgrown its accommodation, and an extension has recently been made.

The production for the year of Sighted Grade Books, stationery, postal labels, magazines, magazine and pamphlet covers, etc., together with orders from outside firms, shows a most satisfactory result, considering the small size of the equipment.



Notes by the Way.

BIRMINGHAM INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

In view of the serious lack of workshop accommodation in connection with the Birmingham Institution for the Blind, a scheme is being considered for erecting new shopping on the land at Harborne, for which funds are necessary. The report for the past year states that the workshops at Edgbaston were crowded to their utmost limits, and the site will permit of no more extensions. The difficulty has been brought about by the continual development of the trade department and the ever-growing number of blind applicants for work, there being now fifty on the waiting list.

The number of blind persons receiving direct benefits continues steadily to grow, the total of 704 being 31 in advance of those of the previous year. Two new occupations have been introduced during the year—weaving and telephony. There is now a private branch telephone exchange in the institution, and in view of the rapidly growing number of private exchanges in the district it is most useful for training blind telephone operators.

On account of a chronic state of ill-health, or unsuitability of other kinds, a considerable percentage of blind persons leave the institution every year without having materially benefited; over this condition of things the committee have no control, and there is an urgent need of suitable homes where those blind persons incapable of receiving instruction might be received and kindly treated for life.

The turnover in the trading department reached the record sum of £10,956, an increase of £686 over last year's figures. The wages and allowances to the blind workers have also more than correspondingly increased, having reached the highest point yet attained—viz., £3,281, which is £284 in advance of last year's total. The Blind as wage-earners are at a great disadvantage, only earning about one-half what a sighted worker at the same trade can earn. To meet this a sliding scale of augmentation has been adopted during the past year by the committee, whereby blind workers received a bonus sufficient to enable them to live.

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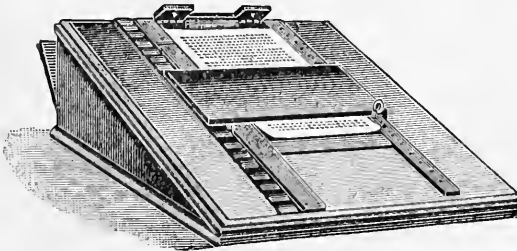


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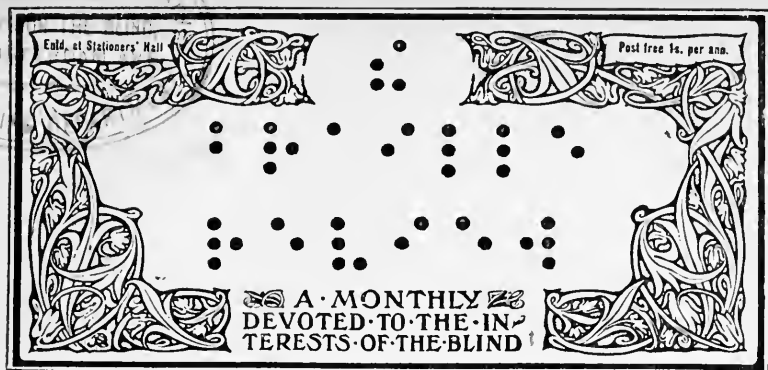
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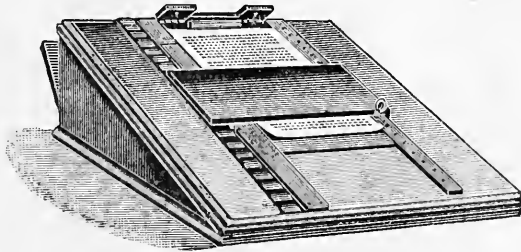


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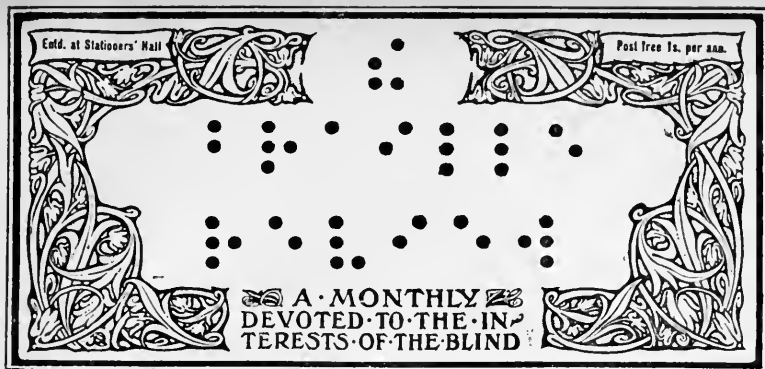
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IT is with profound regret that we announce the death of Mr. Timothy Holmes, F.R.C.S., who was closely connected with the late Dr. Armitage in the management of the Association at Cambridge Square, and for some time the Chairman of the Council, which position he resigned owing to advancing years, but was up to the time of his death a member of the Executive.

Mr. Holmes graduated as B.A. at Cambridge in 1847, and immediately afterwards entered as a student at St. George's Hospital. He became F.R.C.S. in 1853, and was soon afterwards appointed assistant surgeon to the hospital. He was for a long period full surgeon; and, on retirement from active duty with the title of consulting surgeon, he became joint treasurer with the late Duke of Westminster, and until recently was an assiduous attendant at the meetings of the Board, besides exercising a close and continuous supervision over the general conduct and working of the institution. For many years he was chief surgeon to the Metropolitan Police, and he has been president of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical and of the Pathological Society. He has been a vice-president of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Hunterian Professor of Surgery and Pathology to the College. His surgical writings have been numerous and valuable, including important contributions to a "System of Surgery," of which he was editor. Jointly with the late Dr. Bristowe he was author of an exceedingly important report on hospitals to the Privy Council.

Mr. Holmes was a man of wide reading and extensive and accurate scholarship, who was unwearied in endeavouring to impress upon his pupils the bearing of such attainments upon both the comprehension and the practice of their profession. He was also a man of stainless honour and integrity, throughout whose long career it could perhaps never be said of him that he had deviated by a hair's breadth from the highest traditions of his calling. To the present generation he had become little more than a name; but, during the active period of his life, there were few surgeons who commanded in an equal degree the respect of the medical profession and of the public.

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Notes by the Way.

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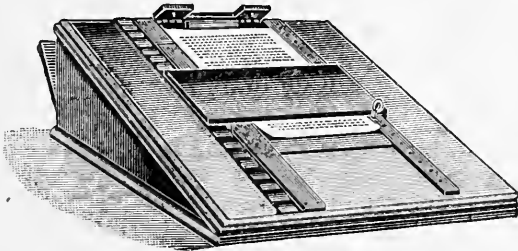


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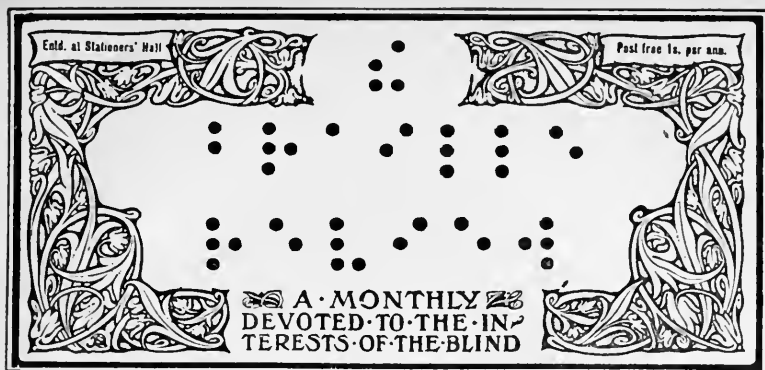
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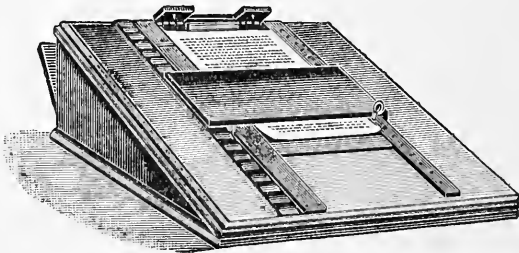


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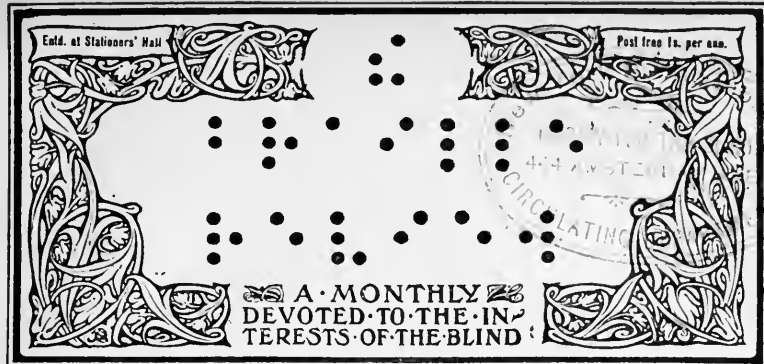
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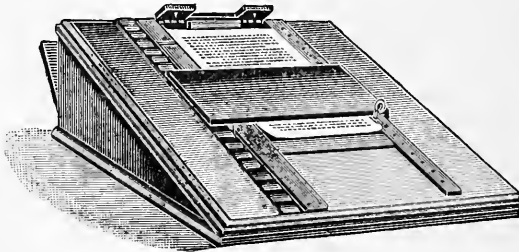


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